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A.—The hon. Member apparently refers to recruitment to the services under local bodies. The Government have no proposals in the matter which is one for consideration of the local bodies themselves.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I know whether the Government expect all local bodies to consider this question of communal representation and, if they do so, I suppose the Government will have no objection?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" Certainly the Government will have no objection."

Mr. MAHBOOB ALI BAIG:—" May I know whether the Government are aware that in several municipalities and district boards certain communities are not at all represented?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I am aware of it."

Acceptance of lowest tenders for works.

* 242 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a Government Order was issued recently directing local boards to accept the lowest tenders; and

(*b*) whether the Government have issued instructions to their engineers to accept the lowest tenders for works under irrigation?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the Honourable Member is invited to the answer given on 11th March 1933 to question No. 645.

(*b*) The acceptance of tenders for irrigation works is governed by paragraph 160 of the Public Works Department Code to which the Honourable Member's attention is drawn.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know whether the Government are aware whether this Government Order regarding tenders is being given effect to by all the district boards?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The Government have not made any special enquiries as to whether the Government Order has been observed or not. The Government Order ought to have been observed in the usual course. The Government will know when a report is received from the auditor."

Mr. P. K. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know whether the Government will issue instructions to these boards to keep the Government Order in force?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The Government Order has already been issued and I do not think it is necessary to inform them that they should observe the Government Order. If the reports are received from the auditor, then the Government will be in a position to know whether the Government Order has been given effect to by them."